FINGERTIP FACTS & FIGURES

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CURRENT MONTHLY DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

ESTIMATED INDUSTRY TOTALS BY REGIONS

	October, 1979			October 31, 1979	
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received	Unfilled Orders	Gross Stocks
	(Million Board Feet)				
SOFTWOOD LUMBER:					
Southern Pine Region	743	705	628	525	1,159
Douglas Fir Region	726	703	651	540	839
Western Pine Region	950	902	825	411	1,311
California Redwood Region	184	171	150	151	416
Other Softwoods	144	137	125	251	257
TOTAL SOFTWOODS	2,747	2,618	2,379	1,878	3,982
% Change - Sept., 1979	+ 9.9	+ 5.0	+ 0.4	-11.3	+ 3.3
% Change - Oct., 1978	+ 0.7	- 2.2	-12.1	-14.9	- 1.1
HARDWOOD LUMBER:					
Southern Hardwood Region	314	292	291	264	518
Appalachian Hardwood Region	117	100	98	*	*
Other Hardwoods	234	214	212	124	563
TOTAL HARDWOODS	665	606	601	388	1,081
% Change - Sept., 1979	- 2.6	- 8.6	- 5.7	- 1.3	+ 5.8
% Change - Oct., 1978	- 5.4	- 9.8	- 7.1	-35.9	+42.4
TOTAL LUMBER	3,412	3,224	2,980	2,266	5,063
% Change - Sept., 1979	+ 7.2	+ 2.1	- 0.9	- 9.7	+ 3.9
% Change - Oct., 1978	- 0.6	- 3.7	-11.1	-19.4	+ 5.8
* Included in Other Hardwoods					
FLOORING:	(Thousand Board Feet)				
Oak Flooring Region	9,234	8,900	8,039	8,545	3,433
Maple Flooring Region	1,852	1,761	2,324	11,859	1,480
SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD:	(Thousand Square Feet 3/8" Basis)				
Total All Regions	1,883,284	1,783,110	1,695,458	958,423	333,511
% Change - Sept., 1979	+17.8	+10.7	+16.4	- 8.4	+14.3
% Change - Oct., 1978	+ 5.4	+ 2.6	- 9.7	-18.5	- 1.5

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL RATES

PRODUCTION

	Oct.'79	Percent Change From Sep.'79	Percent Change From Oct.'78
	(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine Reg.	8,372	+ 9.1	+ 0.8
Douglas Fir Reg.	8,809	+13.2	- 7.3
Western Pine Reg.	10,714	+14.1	+ 4.6
Calif. Redwood Reg.	2,018	- 5.7	+17.2
Other Softwoods	1,632	+10.1	+ 0.7
Total Softwoods	31,545	+10.8	+ 0.5
Total Hardwoods	7,056	- 9.6	- 5.4
TOTAL LUMBER.	38,601	+ 6.4	- 0.6

SHIPMENTS

	Oct.'79	Percent Change From Sep.'79	Percent Change From Oct.'78
	(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine Reg.	8,135	+ 7.6	- 4.3
Douglas Fir Reg.	8,386	+ 8.2	- 4.6
Western Pine Reg.	10,279	+ 6.4	- 1.0
Calif. Redwood Reg.	1,854	-13.2	+12.5
Other Softwoods	1,572	+ 4.9	- 2.1
Total Softwoods	30,226	+ 5.7	- 2.3
Total Hardwoods	6,715	-13.5	- 9.8
TOTAL LUMBER.	36,941	+ 1.6	- 3.7

YEAR-TO-DATE DOMESTIC LUMBER PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

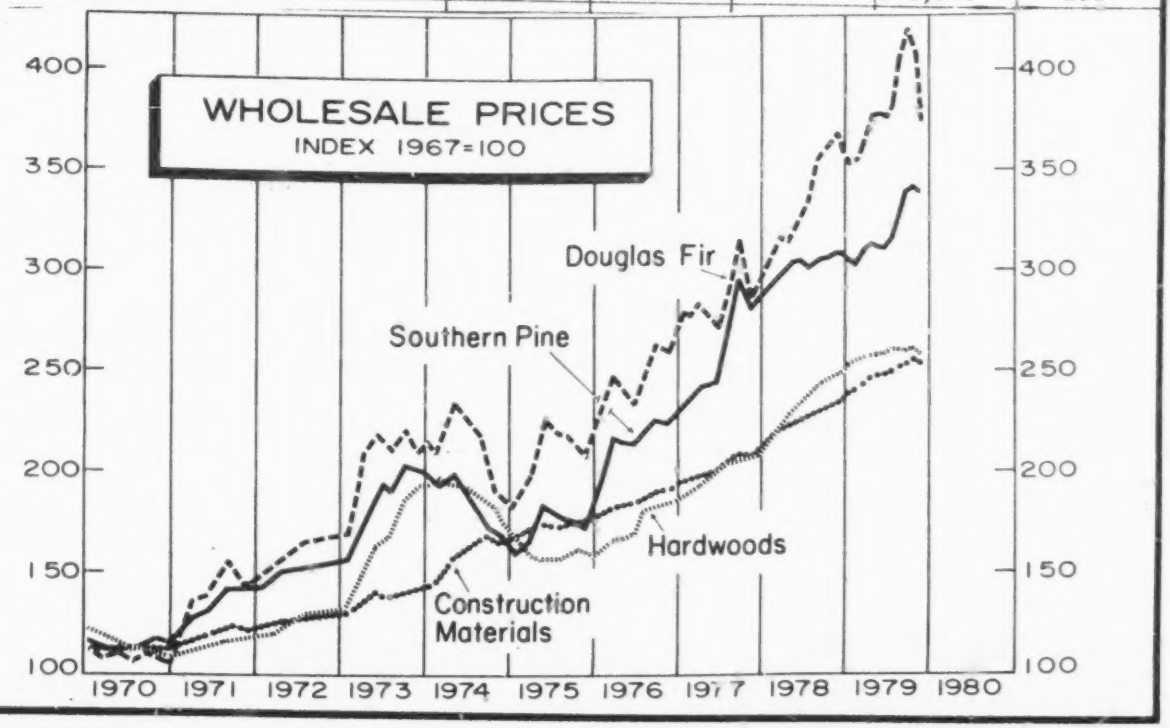
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received
	(Million Board Feet)		
Total Lumber - 10 mos. '79	31,800	31,542	31,215
Total Lumber - 10 mos. '78	31,984	32,051	32,226
% Change	- 0.6	- 1.6	- 3.1
Softwood Lumber - 10 mos.'79	25,152	25,173	25,031
Softwood Lumber - 10 mos.'78	25,870	25,924	25,970
% Change	- 2.8	- 2.9	- 3.6
Hardwood Lumber - 10 mos.'79	6,648	6,369	6,184
Hardwood Lumber - 10 mos.'78	6,114	6,127	6,256
% Change	+ 8.7	+ 3.9	- 1.2

FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS

	Oct. '79	Percent Change From Sep. '79	Percent Change From Oct. '78	10 mos.'79	Percent Change From 10 mos.'78
	(Million Board Feet)				
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER IMPORTS	924.2	- 7.5	- 15.3	9,841.0	- 4.1
Softwoods	890.2	- 7.4	- 15.5	9,487.7	- 4.6
From Canada	887.1	- 7.0	- 15.2	9,445.1	- 4.6
Other Sources	3.1	-58.1	- 56.3	42.6	- 12.9
Hardwoods	31.0	-12.7	- 15.3	328.5	+ 7.3
From Canada	7.2	- 4.0	- 17.2	74.6	- 14.8
Other Sources	23.8	-15.0	- 14.4	254.0	+ 16.2
Other (not specified)	3.0	+25.0	+200.0	24.7	+135.2
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER EXPORTS	172.3	-19.6	+ 30.7	1,773.8	+ 24.6
Softwoods	136.5	-21.1	+ 29.9	1,445.3	+ 26.9
Hardwoods	26.7	- 8.9	+ 5.5	256.5	- 1.8
Other (not specified)	9.2	-22.7	+557.1	72.0	+210.3
TOTAL EXPORTS TO CANADA	61.4	+12.9	+ 29.5	549.0	+ 10.8

CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING STATISTICS

	CURRENT			YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Latest Month Available	% Change From		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	Oct. '79	Sep. '79	Oct. '78	10 mos.'79	10 mos.'78
Value of all NEW CONSTRUCTION		(Millions of Dollars)			
Put in Place	21,951	0.0	+ 8.6	187,908	+10.6
Private	16,878	+ 0.6	+ 9.2	147,456	+11.8
Residential	9,153	- 3.4	+ 3.5	81,917	+ 5.5
Nonresidential & Other	7,725	+ 6.0	+16.8	65,539	+20.9
Public	5,073	- 2.0	+ 6.7	40,452	+ 6.4
	Nov. '79	Oct. '79	Nov. '78	11 mos.'79	11 mos.'78
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED		(Thousands of Units)			
Total Private & Public Starts	119.4	-29.3	-24.7	1,657.2	-12.9
New Private Starts	118.9	-29.6	-25.0	1,653.4	-13.0
Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rates	1,518	-13.8	-27.9		
One-Family Housing Starts	71.0	-34.3	-35.7	1,135.4	-16.0
(Proportion of Total Starts)	59.5			68.5	
	Oct. '79	Sep. '79	Oct. '78	10 mos.'79	10 mos.'78
BUILDING PERMITS AUTHORIZED		(Millions of Dollars)			
All Private Construction	10,358	+12.8	+11.5	90,596	+ 4.9
New Housing Units	5,078	+ 3.9	- 5.4	48,291	- 4.2
New Nonresidential	3,955	+25.2	+40.0	31,657	+17.5
Additions and alterations	1,136	+18.6	+32.6	9,458	+19.1
		(Number of Units)			
Shipments of MOBILE HOMES	27,200	+15.3	+ 5.4	241,500	+ 2.1



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

U. S. LUMBER CONSUMPTION	CURRENT			YEAR - TO - DATE	
	Latest Period Available	% Change From		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	QIII '79	QII '79	QIII '78	9 mos. '79	9 mos. '78
	(Million Board Feet)				
Total	12,208	- 0.2	- 4.1	35,591	- 2.9
Softwoods	10,317	+ 0.5	- 4.2	29,854	- 4.1
Hardwoods	1,891	- 3.7	- 3.1	5,737	+ 4.1

Total EMPLOYMENT - (Seasonally Adjusted)		% Change From	
	Nov. '79	Oct. '79	Nov. '78
	(Thousands of Employees)		
All Industries	90,185	+ 0.2	+ 2.7
All Manufacturing Industries	20,887	0.0	+ 0.6
Lumber and Wood Products	752	- 1.1	- 1.1
Furniture and Fixtures	485	+ 0.6	- 1.4

WHOLESALE PRICES		% Change From	
	Nov. '79	Oct. '79	Nov. '78
	(Index - 1967 = 100)		
All Commodities	246.9	+ 0.7	+14.5
All Construction Materials	256.5	- 0.7	+ 8.5
Lumber and Wood Products	299.0	- 3.2	+ 3.1
All Lumber	355.5	- 4.0	+ 3.9
Softwood Lumber	381.7	- 4.6	+ 3.9
Douglas Fir Lumber	376.2	- 8.3	+ 0.9
Southern Pine Lumber	341.4	- 0.9	+ 9.5
Other Softwood Lumber	397.7	- 4.7	+ 2.7
Hardwood Lumber	259.4	- 1.1	+ 4.0
Millwork	252.3	- 1.3	+ 4.5
Softwood Plywood	303.1	- 7.2	-12.5
Hardwood Plywood	174.8	+ 0.6	+17.1
Wood Household Furniture	204.6	+ 1.9	+ 8.3
Pulp, Paper and Allied Products	229.3	+ 0.9	+12.5
Steel Mill Products	288.7	+ 0.1	+10.2
Aluminum Shapes	254.7	+ 1.3	+ 9.1
Concrete Products	250.5	+ 0.4	+12.4
Structural Clay Products	221.1	0.0	+ 8.2

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